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**U.S. CHARGES 3 MEN WITH ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY
OF JP MORGAN CHASE BANK IN BEDFORD, NEW YORK**

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that FURMAN ODOM, III, VICTOR M. MARRERO and LARON A. REID were charged in a three-count Indictment, filed yesterday in White Plains federal court, with conspiring to commit and attempting to commit the armed robbery of the JP Morgan Chase Bank in Bedford, New York (the "Bank"). The men were also charged with carrying and using a Lorcin .380 caliber semiautomatic pistol in connection with the attempted robbery. The three men were arrested on August 8, 2003, and were previously charged in a criminal Complaint filed on that day.

All three defendants, who have been detained since their arrest, will be arraigned on the Indictment in White Plains federal court next Wednesday, October 15, 2003, at 9:00 a.m.

On August 8, 2003, according to the Indictment, ODOM drove himself, MARRERO and REID from the Bronx, New York, to the Bank. According to the Indictment, as MARRERO and REID

approached the Bank and stood outside, intending to rob it, REID held a firearm.

According to the Complaint, a Bank employee recognized MARRERO as having similar clothing to that of one of the perpetrators of an earlier, July 30, 2003, armed robbery of the same Bank, in which two men had made off with approximately \$22,000. After the Bank employee allegedly recognized MARRERO, a Bank security guard walked out of the Bank and approached MARRERO causing both MARRERO and REID to walk away from the bank. A representative of the bank then contacted the police.

ODOM, MARRERO, and REID were later arrested, according to the Complaint, in nearby North Castle, New York, as the three men were driving in a 1991 Lincoln Town car.

ODOM, 35, MARRERO, 36, and REID, 22, all live in the Bronx.

If convicted, each man faces a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison on the attempted robbery charge and five years on the conspiracy charge, followed by a mandatory consecutive term of five years in prison for the firearms charge. The men also face a maximum fine of the greater of a \$250,000 fine or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime on each count.

Mr. COMEY praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as that of the Police Departments of the towns of Bedford, New York, and North Castle, New York. Mr. COMEY noted that the investigation is continuing.

Assistant United States Attorney JEFFREY A. UDELL is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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